

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

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INDIANA.

William Hassett, of South Bend, Murder—only Assaulted with a Razor.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, April 6.—A bloody cutting affair occurred yesterday at Mishawaka, in which William Hassett, a blacksmith, was brought to the hospital with a razor in his hands. Hassett, a tough of that town, who has twice been before the judge, Fitzgerald asked Hassett to drink, and the latter refused. Fitzgerald followed and Hassett, who was armed with a razor, drew it across Hassett's face, inflicting a horrible wound. Fitzgerald was arrested, and is now in jail on a charge of assault and battery with intent to commit murder. He puts on a bold face and laughs over the matter, and expresses the wish that he had killed his opponent.

Hunting a Bear.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KNIGHTSTOWN, April 6.—John Bell, a farmer, living about two miles west of this city, came to town on Saturday evening and reported that a big black bear had been seen on his and several adjoining farms during last week. On Sunday morning a party of about twenty-five started out to hunt him, but after spending the day beating the woods between this place and Charlottesville, five miles west of here, they gave it up. A fresh party started out this morning and report finding bear tracks, and following them about five miles northwest of here, where they were lost in Montgomery creek. The best explanation of the story is that some strolling Italian is minus his chief attraction.

Sugar-Beet Culture.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, April 6.—A letter was received here to-day from W. H. Wiley, government chemist at Washington, D. C., accepting an invitation to address the farmers of this county on the subject of sugar-beet culture. For some two years this subject has attracted the attention of many farmers near by. Wiley has been sent to the German sugar beet which was cultivated with success. This season the French sugar beet will be planted, to see which will produce the larger percent of sugar. Much capital here ready to go into the manufacture of sugar if beets can be profitably raised.

Trouble Among Hod-Carriers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 6.—Robert Dunn, a contract plasterer, has made preparations to employ cash hod-carriers, and the striking union men have informed the non-union men that they will not be permitted to go to work. At a meeting yesterday the hod-carriers were assured the support of the carpenters and painters' unions, who will refuse to work on buildings where non-union hod-carriers are employed. Much excitement prevails among the mechanics as to the outcome of the attempt at work to be made by Dunn to-morrow.

Negotiating for a Paper-Mill.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KNIGHTSTOWN, April 6.—A proposition was received here this morning by the Land and Improvement Company from a paper-mill company. For the consideration of a few acres of land and the guarantee of being able to procure enough pure spring water to run the mill, they will agree to move here this spring. They will employ about twenty men, and will manufacture manila wrapping paper, loft-dried writing paper and envelopes. The officers of the Land and Improvement Company expect to secure the location of the plant.

Attempted to Kill a Minister.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MITCHELL, April 6.—A dastardly attempt was made by a young "tough" named Byers to assassinate Rev. Dobson, a Methodist minister at Reed's Station, about thirteen miles north of here, Sunday. The minister in his sermon reprimanded some of the congregation for misconduct. Byers left the house, but returned in a short time, and walking up to the pulpit drew a dangerous-looking knife and made an attempt to stab the minister, but by the prompt interference of others he was prevented from doing any harm.

Confessed to the Murder.

GOSHEN, April 6.—One of the tramps arrested here yesterday, charged with the murder of Alexander Snyder, has confessed. He says he knows Snyder's wife in New York, and she told him the old man kept a large amount of money about the house. Acting upon this information, he and his partner came West with the intention of getting hold of the cash. They awakened the old man, and to quiet him, gave him a slow over the head, but did not intend to kill him. They failed to get the money, and were returning East when arrested.

Robbed of His Money.

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MUNCIE, April 6.—Yesterday morning John Roarby, a glass-blower from Marion, came to Muncie with a pocket full of cash, which he exhibited quite freely. He soon had a host of "friends," and a little later a lot of inquisitive eyes were directed to him. He applied to the police to search for Harrison Dilla, Harry Guinther and John Cumford, who he claimed, had robbed him. The alleged robbers were here in jail. Cumford has served a term in the penitentiary, and the other parties implicated are both tough characters.

Great Mortality at Fort Wayne.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, April 6.—The mortality in this city during the past two weeks has been greater than during any similar period in the history of Fort Wayne. The percent of deaths has been especially large among old people. The grip and lung trouble resulting from the wet weather have been chiefly responsible for the deaths.

Killed with an Electric Battery.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MADISON, April 6.—A developed at the coroner's inquest that Major George W. Varble, who was found dead at his home this morning, had killed himself with an electric battery, whether intentionally or accidentally will never be known. He suffered much from rheumatism. He was all alone, as his wife was visiting at Nashville.

Bad Freight Wreck.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, April 6.—The Big Four railroad had a bad freight wreck to-night, the three-mile switch, four miles from this city. A broken brake-beam threw six loaded and eight or ten empty cars from the track, blocking the road. The passengers on to-night's trains were transferred and brought in in a caboose.

Dying Man Forgives His Murderer.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, April 6.—Charles Alfus, who was stabbed by Dan Brusher at Newburg, last week, is dying, and, realizing the fact he sent for Brusher, took his hand and forgave him. Both men were drinking at the time of the affray.

Wants \$5,000 Damages for Injuries.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, April 6.—William Anderson, who was accidentally injured while at work in the cerealine mills at this city, some time ago, to-day brought suit against the Cerealine Manufacturing Company for \$5,000 damages.

Run Over by a Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, April 6.—An employee of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad, named

Anderson, was killed this morning by a freight train near Stillwell, west of here. He was walking on the track, and fell under the wheels.

Minor Notes.

Francis Murphy is conducting a temperance revival at Knightstown.

Charles Pearson was run over and instantly killed by a train near Stillwell yesterday.

Miss Mollie Jackson, of Tipton, attempted suicide Sunday, and her life was saved with difficulty.

Increased facilities will be added to the Martinsville school this season to accommodate the rapid increase in school population.

George L. Feiler, of Morgan county, a man of fine business capacity, was taken to the Asylum for Inebriates at Plainfield yesterday.

George Justice, said to be the only Choctaw Indian living in the State, died at his home in Claysburg, Clark county, on Sunday morning.

A mortgage given by the American straw-board works for \$1,250.00 was yesterday filed for record in the recorder's office at Terre Haute.

A man living four miles east of Crawfordsville was in that place yesterday for the first time in ten years, and he has lived in the same place during all this time.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the G. A. R. was celebrated with appropriate exercises by Deacons and Thompson posts, at Madison, last night.

Tolbert Shipley, aged eighty-eight years, died at his home in Jefferson township, Morgan county, on Sunday of old age. He became a resident of that county in 1819, settling on the farm where he died.

Charley Coombs was taken to the Michigan City prison yesterday, where he will serve out a sentence of twenty-one years for manslaughter on account of the killing of Walter McClure, of Crawfordsville.

The night telegraph operator at Fortville, whose name is Scott, ejected three suspicious-looking characters from the depot, who attempted to enter the building and shoot him by shooting through the window.

A large audience congregated in the lecture-room at the State Normal School, at Terre Haute, last night, to hear Rev. C. G. Gurnea, of Chicago, lecture. The speaker failed to put in an appearance or send any word.

Judge Ellison, of the Madison Circuit Court, yesterday rendered a decision in support of an ordinance recently passed by the City Council of Elwood requiring all screens and blinds to be removed from saunas on Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Eliza Walker, of Brown county, was attacked by a rail dog, and severely bitten through the hand. A mad-dog was applied to the injured member as soon as possible, and it is thought that no serious results will follow. The dog was killed, but not until it had bitten a number of cattle and hogs.

ILLINOIS.

Counterfeiters Arrested and Their Tools and a Lot of Coins Captured.

PEORIA, April 6.—Edward Patterson, John Wood and Grant Shoup, three young men living in Minier, Tazewell county, have been arrested for counterfeiting. All the tools and a half bushel of counterfeit nickels were captured.

Brief Mention.

Frederick Coppel, an old resident of Mokena, committed suicide.

The horribly mutilated remains of a man, known as "The Chinaman," were found at Burlington & Quincy track, a short distance from Peoria, Sunday.

Fred Neff, about ten years of age, was playing in the elevator, at Chillicothe, Sunday morning, when he fell out of a window into the river and was drowned.

John Sullivan, the old soldier whose whereabouts have been unknown by his friends at Vandalla since two weeks ago, was turned up at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, O.

Burglars entered the O. & M. depot and Adams express office, and A. R. Kiser's jewelry store, at Clay City, Sunday night. They carried some jewelry, but did not take anything to amount to anything from the former places.

At Peoria, yesterday, Frank Robinson, twenty-four, and C. H. Hane, aged fourteen, and some other boys were shooting rats. Robinson ran in front of Hane's gun just as it was discharged and the bullet passed directly through his body. He died.

The track-walkers on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy found the remains of an unknown man on the Kickapoo trestle, near Peoria, yesterday. Two trains had run over the body, and the man was badly mangled. He could not be identified. He was, apparently, about twenty-one years of age.

Mrs. Sarah Henderson and Mrs. Tillie Taylor, of Great Springs, were arrested yesterday, and lodged in jail, charged with murder. Friday afternoon the two-year-old blind child of Mrs. Taylor was taken ill and suddenly died. An investigation showed that the child had been poisoned, alleged to have been administered by the women.

LEO'S FRUGAL DINNERS.

His Holiness to Entertain Once a Week in the Future—A New Departure.

LONDON, April 6.—Private advices from Rome bring gratifying news of the Pope's marvelous vitality. His intellect was never clearer than it is now, and his physical health is probably better than at any time during his pontificate. He has been able to attend the throne of St. Peter, Leo found the expense of the papal kitchen amounted to 3,000 francs monthly, and as his personal tastes were particularly simple and his habits extremely frugal, he saw easy means of effecting economies which would increase the income which, from the first, he aimed at for charitable purposes.

Kitchen allowances were therefore gradually decreased, until last year they averaged only \$500 per month.

The Pope, however, exalted in rank, ever received an invitation to Leo XIII's table until Easter, when, for the first time since becoming his pontificate, he entertained at a dinner party of twelve, including the ex-Grand Duchess of Tuscany, the Austrian ambassador and wife and several cardinals.

On Wednesday his Holiness had another small party, and it is understood similar entertainments will be given once a week in future.

The new departure has somewhat embarrassed the mendacious scribes who have long delighted to portray the Pope as a mental and physical wreck, and they are driven to make the latest suggestion that these simple Vatican dinners, the cost of which will scarcely affect the tiny kitchen budget, are intended as rivals to the gorgeous banquets given by King Humbert at the Quirinal.

The Rhode Island Democrats.

Philadelphia Press.

If it is possible for the Rhode Island Democrats to learn anything they were probably taught by Wednesday's election that it does not pay to needlessly offend a religious denomination in this country. In order to make sure of the Democratic candidate for Congress in the recent special election held in the second district, they appointed Saturday as the date, although they knew that the Seventh-day Baptists treat the day as the Sabbath and accordingly would refuse to vote. And now they have the pleasure of reading in their own paper, the Providence Journal, that this virtual disavowal of a sect was enough of itself to lose them the control of the Legislature which will elect the State officers, there being no election by the people. So the Democrats added one more to their overgrown majority in Congress and lost the government of Rhode Island. It is only another illustration of the utter lack of success and principle in the party.

One Against a Common Enemy.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

After this let no one talk about sectional hatred. That is well enough for politicians, but the recent events have shown that all true Americans have a common interest in preserving the government. There will never be another civil war here. We are becoming more united every day. Pennsylvania and Alabama would fight shoulder to shoulder and under the same flag, and there is not a life in the Union that would not give its life blood in defense of the principles upon which the government rests.

New York Continent.

How would it do for rude Radini's emigrating fellow-citizens to boycott the United States for a century or two?

THE NEW POWER IN POLITICS

Effect of the Farmers' Alliance Movement as Viewed by Senator Edmunds.

What Will Result if the Next Presidential Election Is Thrown Into the House—Aims of the Organization in Eastern States.

THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT

Discussed in All Its Phases by Senator Edmunds—Effect on Old Parties.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Star this afternoon printed an interesting interview with Senator Edmunds upon the present state of political affairs. A reporter found him in the judiciary committee-room of the Senate, where he was occupied in disposing of various odds and ends of work before retiring to his home in Vermont for the summer.

"Is not the present political situation one of extraordinary interest and importance?" the reporter asked, by way of an introduction to a broad and general discussion.

"Yes," replied the Senator, after a moment's thought. "I think it is, in one sense, as applied to one aspect of affairs in this country, the Farmers' Alliance subject. In other respects, I do not see that it is essentially different from what it has been for several years. The attitude of the two great parties in respect to each other and public affairs is apparently the same. In respect to the Farmers' Alliance matter, however, it is a new experiment in this country, but not an unnatural one. There have been analogous movements in former times, but the present conditions in the political situation in this respect interesting and important, for what its effect will be upon the next national election, I take it, no one can foresee with precision."

"What gives rise to the feeling of unrest which appears to be abroad in the land?" the reporter asked.

"I think," Mr. Edmunds replied, "a large part of it arises from the conditions of the human mind, which has its periods of rest and then of excitement, just as nature has in respect to storms and diseases, and this time happens to come among the farmers of these periods of fever is at hand. Some people are trying to persuade the farmers of the country, who always have been and are now, that the political situation is an important factor of the community, that laws have been made which operate unjustly upon them, and that laws have not been made which would or should furnish them a more rapid and steady prosperity. In both these cases, I think, they are in a large degree mistaken, and in the latter case, they discover it. Indeed, I presume that the largest part of the reflecting ones perfectly understand that crops cannot be increased by legislation or done honestly paid by the farmer. The value of what is called 'money' is the most of them, I think, understand that money, to be of value and serve its only true purpose, must be as every other measure must be—as of weight and quantity—in dealing with commodities or lands, and that if a farmer agrees to sell his crop for a certain sum of money, he must be able to know what that number of dollars will be good for when he gets it."

"What dangers to both parties and to the country are there in this?"

"EFFECT ON THE OLD PARTIES."

"I don't think there is any danger to the Democratic party," the Senator replied, with a faint smile, "for in the next presidential election, if the Farmers' Alliance should carry many States without having a majority of the whole Electoral College, the simple result would be that there would be no election by the people, and the present House of Representatives, having a very large Democratic majority of States, as well as members, would elect a Democratic candidate in a constitutional and regular way, although he may have carried the smallest number of States. As to the danger to the Republican party, it is that the Farmers' Alliance may carry in the next presidential election some States that would otherwise vote for the Republican party. 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